Protesters face Wallace in massive Common rally

By Joseph Ketch

George Wallace encountered the largest crowd of his campaign to date as he finished a New England campaign tour with a 5:30 rally on the Boston Common Tuesday. A rush hour crowd of about 15,000, the majority demonstrating college students, jammed the area around Parkman bandshell to hear the third party candidate for the Presidency speak.

Estimates placed the Wallace supporters in the minority, as shouts of "Sieg Heil," "Get Home," and "Fascist Pig" occasionally drowned Wallace's speech in the front rows. No New issues or proposals were evident in Wallace's speech which followed the standard fare of "Law and Order," military defense, and repression of "anarchy."

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Among the colleges which had large contingents present were MIT, Harvard-Radcliffe, Emmanuell, Northeastern, and BC. Several MIT demonstrations had been organized, and a spot check revealed that others had gone down by themselves. Random polling indicated that the students had a number of reasons for attending the rally. "Citizenship" was perhaps the most common, although many expressed that they had been unable to hear anything. Also present was the idea that the students had a moral duty to demonstrate because "I don't feel everyone the man stands for."

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